



### Life Course

Childhood Risk Factor

### Brief Name

ACE: Lived with Someone who had a Problem with Alcohol or Drugs

### Indicator

Percent of children who lived with anyone with an alcohol or drug problem.

### Description

This is a proxy measure for toxic stress and is included as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE). This asks parents, *"Did [child's name] ever live with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs?"*

WI	US	Best	Worst
10.1%	10.7%	6.4%	18.5%
		NY	MT

### Year

2011/2012

### Numerator

Number of children who experienced the ACE

### Denominator

Children aged 0-17

### Importance

A child living with anyone who has alcohol or drug problems is at risk of experiencing additional ACEs, such as child abuse and neglect. These children are also at risk of future substance use issues and depression (Anda, 2002).

### Limitations

The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) is completed by the parent or caregiver, who may be unwilling to report his/her drug or alcohol use.

There may be more reliable data sources that provide information about adult alcohol and substance dependence, such as the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, but these do not collect data specific to parents.

### Source

NSCH 2011/12. Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved from [www.childhealthdata.org](http://www.childhealthdata.org). Anda, Robert F., et al. "Adverse childhood experiences, alcoholic parents, and later risk of alcoholism and depression." Psychiatric Services (2002).